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Memorandum

TO : Special Assistant, Research and Reports
THRU : Chief, Economic Research Area
THRU : Chief, Resources and Industries Division
FROM : Chief, Minerals and Metals Branch

DATE: 15 June 1965

SUBJECT: EIC Subcommittee on Minerals and Metals

1. I understand DOD has recommended that the Minerals and Metals Subcommittee be abolished on the grounds that meetings are infrequent and other means are available for effecting coordination, within the Community, of intelligence estimates on the minerals and metals industries in Communist countries.

2. The Minerals and Metals Subcommittee has not met since October 1960 because no need has arisen for multilateral discussion or coordination. The only other agency in the US Government publishing estimates on minerals and metals in Communist countries is the Bureau of Mines and our efforts to get the Bureau to accept our estimates of Soviet gold production have been carried on bilaterally outside the EIC Structure.

3. In our dealings with other agencies we are, for the most part, the producers and they are the consumers, and again it is a bilateral contact. We provide regular support to various units in State and Commerce and occasional support to DOD and other agencies.

4. The abolition of the Subcommittee would in no way hamper our activities and I think the DOD recommendation should be adopted.

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